

## FINANCIAL REPORTING MODEL ADAPTATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings to examine issues related to adapting a financial reporting model that would ensure the relevance, timeliness, reliability, consistency and comparability of information and have the ability to truly measure the value of an enterprise in the New Economy, after receiving testimony from Steve M. Samek, Arthur Andersen, Chicago, Illinois; Robert K. Elliott, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and Baruch Lev, New York University, both of New York, New York; Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, and Michael R. Young, Willkie Farr and Gallagher, both of Washington, D.C.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Boxer, Feinstein, and Inouye, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee began markup of H.R. 701, to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

## FEDERAL AID PROGRAM

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water concluded oversight hearings to examine concerns raised by the General Accounting Office investigation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services ad-

ministration of the Federal Aid Program, including controls over funds, expenditures, and grants, the use of administrative funds among regional offices, and limited auditing, after receiving testimony from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; R. Max Peterson, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and Terry Z. Riley, Wildlife Management Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Susan R. Lamson, National Rifle Association of America, Fairfax, Virginia; and Mike Nussman, American Sportfishing Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

## PERMANENT CHINA TRADE RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine giving Permanent Normal Trade Relations status to Communist China, focusing on human rights, labor, trade and economic implications, after receiving testimony from Gary L. Bauer, American Values, Arlington, Virginia; George F. Becker, United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Dai Qing, Beijing, People's Republic of China.

## INSPECTOR GENERAL

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on certain legislative proposals and issues relevant to the operations of Inspectors General, including S. 870, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to increase the efficiency and accountability of Offices of Inspector General within Federal departments, after receiving testimony from Joshua Gotbaum, Executive Associate Director and Controller, Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Gaston L. Gianni, Jr., Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, on behalf of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency; and Nicholas M. Gess, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 4884–4897; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 377 and H. Res. 558, were introduced. **Pages H6598–99**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows.

Committee on Appropriations Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2001 (H. Rept. 106–761);

H.R. 3919, to provide assistance for the conservation of coral reefs, to coordinate Federal coral reef conservation activities, amended (H. Rept. 106–762);

H.R. 3182, to provide for a land conveyance to the city of Craig, Alaska (H. Rept. 106–763);

H.R. 2958, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska (H. Rept. 106–764);

Conference report on H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 (H. Rept. 106-765);

H. Res. 559, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 (H. Rept. 106-766); and

H. Res. 560, providing for consideration of H.R. 4871, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106-767). **Page H6598**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ose to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6473**

**Profound Sorrow on the Death of the Honorable Paul Coverdell, a Senator from the State of Georgia:** The House agreed to H. Res. 558, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Senator Paul Coverdell.

**Pages H6540-48**

**Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act:** The House passed H.R. 1102, to provide for pension reform, by a recorded vote of 401 ayes to 25 noes, Roll No. 412. **Pages H6477-H6529**

In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill, the amendment consisting of the text of H.R. 4843, as reported, H. Rept. 106-753, was considered as adopted pursuant to the rule.

**Pages H6493-H6529**

Rejected the Neal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment that includes a contingency based on a Medicare prescription drug benefit and no on-budget deficit by a ye and nay vote of 185 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 411.

**Pages H6526-28**

Rejected the Neal amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, that sought to include the text of H.R. 4843, as reported, H. Rept. 106-753, provide a credit for low and middle income workers, make small business employees eligible to claim a credit, provide relief from certain section 405 rules, and express a sense of Congress concerning the resolution of cash balances by a ye and nay vote of 200 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 410. **Pages H6513-26**

H. Res. 557, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

**Pages H6476-77**

**DOD Appropriations Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4576, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 367 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 413. **Pages H6529-40**

H. Res. 554, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H6529-30**

**Russian-American Trust and Cooperation Act:** The House passed H.R. 4118, to prohibit the rescheduling or forgiveness of any outstanding bilateral debt owed to the United States by the Government of the Russian Federation until the President certifies to the Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation has ceased all its operations at, removed all personnel from, and permanently closed the intelligence facility at Lourdes, Cuba by a ye and nay vote of 275 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 414. **Pages H6552-61**

Pursuant to the rule, the Committee on International Relations amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the reported bill, H. Rept. 106-668, was considered as adopted. **Page H6552**

Rejected the Mr. Gejdenson motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on International Relations with instructions to establish a bipartisan national commission to study and report to the President on the exercise of the presidential waiver in section 3(b)(2) of the bill with regard to United States national interests in the context of other possible actions (including changes in United States policy) toward Cuba. **Pages H6559-60**

H. Res. 555, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

**Pages H6548-52**

**Send to Conference Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4577, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Porter, Bonilla, Istook, Miller of Florida, Dickey, Wicker, Northup, Cunningham, Obey, Hoyer, Pelosi, Lowey, DeLauro, and Jackson of Illinois. **Pages H6561-64**

By a ye and nay vote of 207 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 415, rejected the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist in the Senate amendment on no less than \$42,674,645,000 for the Department of Education; no less than \$7,353,141,000 for IDEA, no less than \$8,692,000,000 for the Pell Grant Program, no less than \$6,267,000,000 for the Head Start Program, no less than \$817,328,000 for the Child Care Development Block Grant, and no less than \$20,512,735,000 for NIH, and to disagree with provisions in the Senate amendment which deny the President's requests to reduce class sizes in the early grades and for high school construction, and instead broadly expand the Title VI Education Block Grant with limited accountability in the use of funds. **Pages H6561-64**

**Suspension—Drug Addiction Treatment:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2634, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances

Act with respect to registration requirements for practitioners who dispense narcotic drugs in schedule IV or V for maintenance treatment or detoxification treatment by a ye and nay vote of 412 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 416. The motion to suspend the rules was debated on Tuesday, July 18. Agreed to amend the title.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6473.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6600–01.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6526, H6528, H6528–29, H6539–40, H6560–61, H6563–64, and H6564. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 558, adjourned at 10:31 p.m. as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Paul Coverdell, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL FARM POLICY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Continued hearings to review federal farm policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 26.

### CHINA—MILITARY CAPABILITIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on military capabilities of the People's Republic of China. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMMODITY FUTURES MODERNIZATION ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Lee Sachs, Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets, Department of the Treasury; Patrick M. Parkinson, Associate Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Annette L. Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC; C. Robert Paul, General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

### BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING SECURITY PRINTING AMENDMENTS ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4096, Bureau of Engraving and Printing Security Printing Amendments Act of 2000.

### PARK SERVICE—FIRE SAFETY FAILURES

*Committee on the Budget:* Natural Resources and the Environment Task Force held a hearing on Fire Safety Failures of the Park Service: Caretaker of the Nation's Treasures Ineffective in Addressing Hazards. Testimony was heard from Jim Wells, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; and Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Operations and Education, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

### FOOD STAMP FRAUD

*Committee on the Budget:* Task Force on Welfare held a hearing on Food Stamp Fraud: Why Trafficking Persists and What Can Be Done About It. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General; and Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary, Food Nutrition and Consumer Services; Larry Dyckman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; Darrell Hartman, Director, Special Operations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Human Services, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

### BALANCED BUDGET ACT OF 1997—CURRENT IMPACT ON PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on "BBA '97: A Look at the Current Impact on Providers and Patients." Testimony was heard from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health, GAO; Gail Wilensky, Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Council; and public witnesses.

### FCC'S SPECTRUM POLICIES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on A Review of the FCC's Spectrum Policies for the 21st Century, including H.R. 4758, Spectrum Resource Assurance Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Nethercutt and Gutknecht; Greg Rohde, Assistant Secretary, Department of Commerce; Tom Surgue, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC; Malcolm Lee, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### RETIREMENT SECURITY ADVICE ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4747, Retirement Security Advice Act of 2000.

### OVERSIGHT—STATE DEPARTMENT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on "Oversight of the State Department: Is Management Getting Results?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the